

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 16, 21, 23 and 24 as follows, and please cancel claims 17, 22, 25 and 26 without prejudice to continued prosecution. The claims and their status are shown below.

1. (Previously presented) An exogenously-flavored *Salvadora persica* stick.
2. (Original) The flavored *S. persica* stick of claim 1, wherein said flavoring is selected from the group consisting of beef, pork, fish, bacon, liver, and tuna flavorings.
3. (Previously presented) A *S. persica* stick comprising one or more exogenous medicines, one or more exogenous vitamins, one or more exogenous nutrients, or an exogenous flavoring.
4. (Original) The *S. persica* stick of claim 3, wherein said medicine is an antibiotic.
- 5-15. (Canceled)
16. (Currently Amended) A product for chewing or ingesting by a companion animal, said product comprising an extract from *S. persica* sticks, wherein said extract is effective for improving the oral health of a companion animal, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of collagenous chewables, food, treats or snacks, and toys.
- 17-18. (Canceled)
19. (Original) The product of claim 16, wherein said product is coated with said extract.
20. (Original) The product of claim 16, wherein said product is impregnated with said extract.
21. (Currently Amended) An oral hygiene product for companion animals, wherein said oral hygiene product comprises an extract from *S. persica* sticks, wherein said oral hygiene product is selected from the group consisting of a toothbrush, toothpaste, and a medicament.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Currently Amended) The oral hygiene product of claim 21 [[22]], wherein bristles of said toothbrush are coated with said extract.
24. (Currently Amended) The oral hygiene product of claim 21 [[22]], wherein bristles of said toothbrush are impregnated with said extract.
- 25-26. (Canceled)